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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation; Amending Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code to Amend the Powers and Duties of the Office of the President and Vice-President**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0007-26

**DATE:** January 14, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would amend the Powers and duties of the Office of the President and Vice President.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIRED:** Simple majority vote

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
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OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 164(A)(9).
- C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B)(14).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

1 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 102(E), “[t]he Navajo Nation Council shall have the authority to  
2 promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of its meetings and that of its  
3 committees.”

4 B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Title 2 Reform subcommittee has recommended amendments to the  
5 Navajo Nation Council Rules of Order to provide needed clarity to increase the  
6 effectiveness and efficiency of the Navajo Nation Council and Committee legislative  
7 processes.

8 C. Certain sections of Title 2 also need to be amended to effectuate the amendments to the  
9 Navajo Nation Council Rules of Order, including 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(5).

### 11 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE**

12 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code, as follows:

#### 14 **TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**

#### 15 **CHAPTER 5. EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

#### 16 **SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERALLY**

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#### 18 **§1005. Powers, and duties and responsibilities**

19 C. The President shall have the following enumerated powers:

20 5. Report ~~quarterly~~ in person to the Navajo Nation Council on the Official sState of the  
21 Navajo Nation, during the Winter and Summer Sessions.

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### 23 **SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION**

24 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office  
25 of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended  
26 provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

### 28 **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

29 Should any provisions of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
30 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation

1 Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the  
2 Navajo Nation.

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4 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 The Navajo Nation Code amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §  
6 221(B).